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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §\$1.97 and 1.98.

This is a national phase filing of International Application No. PCT/JP00/06910, filed October 4, 2000.

Copies of the International Search Report dated December 5, 2000 in English and the International Preliminary Examination Report dated June 28, 2001 in Japanese and English are provided. Applicants also provide copies of the five (5) items cited in the International Search Report. Copies of U.S. Patent Nos. 4,889,886; 5,976,406 and 6,063,848 also are provided that are counterparts of items cited in the International Search Report.

In the International Preliminary Examination Report the claims were found to satisfy the criteria for novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability.

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Please be advised that JP 2000-178443 cited in the International Search Report corresponds to commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application No. 09/857,110, filed June 1, 2001, that is pending in Group Art Unit 1756.

For the convenience of the Examiner, a form PTO-1449 is attached. It is requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned once the above items are considered.

The examination and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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